



Celebrating 64 years of 'Can do' spirit, area Seabees cut the traditional birthday cake. Cutting the cake are CAPT William Vaughn, JTF Engineer (far left); CEC(SCW) Al Jones, NAVSTA Public Works Dept., the oldest active duty Seabee present at the ball; UTCN Meredith Andrews, NMCB-7, the youngest Seabee present; and RADM Robert Phillips, Commander, First Naval Construction Division, and Naval Construction Forces Command, the event's guest speaker.

Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

Seabees ring in 64 years of service

By JO2 Honey Nixon, Public Affairs

The Windjammer Club ballroom was filled with Seabee stories as members of the Naval construction family gathered Feb. 24 in remembrance of Seabees past, present, and future. The annual Seabee Ball, sponsored by the Public Works Dept, kicked off with plenty of "hoorahs" celebrating Seabee efforts around the globe.

GTMO's local Seabee community includes the Self-Help Division of the Naval Station Public Works Department and a detachment of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 (NMCB-7), homeported in

Gulfport, Miss. Collectively this small group of individuals support various refurbishment and construction projects around the station.

For the men and women of the local Seabee community, this was their time to celebrate 64 years of construction and compassion.

CAPT William Vaughn, Public Works Officer for Joint Task Force Guantanamo, said Seabees balls have been held just about as long as there have been Seabees. He said the Seabee ball serves as an opportunity to gather for fellowship,

and build esprit de corps, the glue that holds Seabees together. It is also a time to recognize those who have gone before them.

"I think it's important to get recognition because a lot of people don't know what we do," said UT2(SCW) Rachel Thompson with the NAVSTA Self-Help Division, whose escort was her 2-year-old daughter, Rosa. "This brings a lot of recognition for all the hard work we do year-round. It's also good for morale to get everyone together and celebrate being a Seabee."

The guests enjoyed a dinner of chicken cordon bleu, salad and wild rice. Topping off the evening was the traditional cutting of the Seabee birthday cake, by the oldest and the youngest Seabee. The oldest Seabee present was CEC (SCW) Al C. Jones, NAVSTA Self-Help Division, and the youngest Seabee was UTCN Meredith Andrews, with NMCB-7.

Each guest received a Seabee glass mug and commemorative coin. A Seabee quilt made by a local quilting group was put up

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VADM Conway assumes command of CNI

Washington, DC — VADM Robert Conway has assumed command as Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC). CNIC is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and is the office solely responsible for all Navy shore installations worldwide.

CNIC is responsible for providing consistent, effective, and efficient shore installation services in support of Fleet readiness and mission execution. Furthermore, CNIC provides service to the Fleet by ensuring a cohesive and reliable adherence to policy, procedures, standards of service, processes and resources leveraging 16 regional commands in management and oversight of all installations worldwide.

VADM Conway, a native of Wilkes-Barre, Penn., graduated from St. Francis College, Loretto, Penn., with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He was commissioned an Ensign through Officer Candidate School. He earned his Master's degree in education from Providence College, Providence, RI, in May 1979. Additionally, he graduated from the National Defense University's Industrial College of the Armed Forces in May 1990.

His sea duty assignments commenced on board *USS Vesole* (DD 878), where he served as Main Propulsion Assistant and Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer. Subsequent sea duty tours included:

— *USS Towers* (DDG 9); Chief Engineer;



VADM Bob Conway, Commander, Navy Installations Command

commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Propulsion Examination Board, where he served as a senior examiner for steam propulsion.

VADM Conway commanded *USS John Young* (DD 973) from April 1992 to January 1994. During his command tour, *John*

— *USS Bainbridge* (CGN 25) Combat Systems Officer;

— Executive Officer of *USS Gridley* (CG 21).

Rear Adm. Conway served as Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Destroyer Squadron 17 and on the staff of Com-

Young was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for *Operation Desert Storm* and the Battle Efficiency "E".

He also served as Commander, Destroyer Squadron 7 from January 1996 to July 1997. During this command tour he deployed as the "Sea Combat Commander" for the Constellation Battle Group in the western Pacific and Arabian Gulf. He also has commanded Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

From April 2003 to October 2004, he served as the Plankowner Commander of Expeditionary Strike Group One, San Diego, Calif., and deployed to the Arabian Gulf and Red Sea in support of the Global War on Terrorism. He assumed duties as Commander Task Force Warrior in August of 2004.

Duties ashore included:

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Recognition — Secretary Ellen Sauerbrey, Asst. Secretary of State for the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, shakes the hand of Edward Newman after presenting him with a certificate of appreciation. The certificate read in part, "... in recognition of sustained dedication to employing, training and managing protected migrants awaiting resettlement, which greatly contributes to the humanitarian protection mission of the U.S. Department of State on U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

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Building communities one block at a time

By JO1 Igo Wordu, Public Affairs

Some guests arrived at the Windjammer Club on Saturday, Feb. 25, clad in semiformal attire, while others showed off their traditional African outfits, but all were attending the African American Cultural Organization's (AACO) annual dinner-dance held in recognition of Black History Month and celebrating African-American heritage.

CAPT Mark Leary, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, welcomed everyone, and highlighted the importance of trust and respect for one another as the fabric which unites the GTMO community despite its diversity.

Leary spoke about the significance of the event, adding that the celebration is yet another block to make 'our house' a whole, and stronger as a community.

"The theme of this year's event is 'building communities one block at a time,' and I believe that theme is especially appropriate to both the United States military and the Guantanamo Bay community," said Leary.

He said the U.S. Military has been successful in its commitment to foster diversity, and added that the military, as an organization, depends on the trust of fellow soldiers, Sailors, Airmen or Marines to insure ultimate victory.

"The military learned earlier than most that equal opportunity for all without regard to race, nationality, or religion was not only the right thing to do, but the only way to ensure suc-



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

Dr. Ron Archer, nationally acclaimed keynote speaker, is the guest speaker at the annual African-American Cultural Organization dinner-dance.

cess," said Leary.

Maj. Gen. Jay Hood, USA, Commander of Joint Task Force Guantanamo, also emphasized the significance of the African-American experience to the nation's history, and the military's part in that history.

"To truly understand the rich history of our nation one has to understand the African-American experience in our nation," said Hood. "The history that is being written today by our men and women in uniform, whether African, Asian, Hispanic, Anglo or Italian, is American history, and will be remembered for generations to come as a time when Americans came together.

We will use our diversity as a

strength and we will demonstrate tolerance overcomes intolerance."

The highlight of the event was a video tribute to the life and times of Rosa Parks, who

died on Oct. 25, 2005. The video also highlighted other notable African American icons such as Shirley Chisholm, the first black female to run for president in 1972, and multi-Grammy Award winner, Luther Vandross.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Ronald Archer encouraged African-Americans to harness the lessons learned through history and use them as tools of empowerment to strive harder.

AACO president, Rohn McLean said in his closing remarks that he believes African-Americans should always pull together and create a positive attitude within their individual communities.

"We have a great responsibility to our children and peers to uphold the opportunities, which have been provided to us by our African American historians," said McLean.

"Our theme is 'Building communities one block at a time.' This dinner-dance is yet another building block within the communities that will allow all Americans to gather in a forum of celebration."



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

Guests dress in various African attire for the annual dinner-dance at the Windjammer Club on Feb. 25.

OCSC International Night

The Officers and Spouses Club is having a general membership meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Sailing Center in the Marina. Bring a favorite quick and easy international recipe, with a few recipe cards, to share with others.



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A Giant Oriente Knight Anole makes his debut at the Reptile Show. Giant Anoles can get up to 8-inches long, and they prey on birds, small mammals, insects and smaller anoles.

Photo by JO2 Honey Nixon

Reptiles show scales and tails

By JO2 Honey Nixon, Public Affairs

A crowd of almost 175 people showed up at Windmill Beach on Saturday, Feb. 25, to get up close and personal with the many reptiles and amphibians unique to Guantanamo Bay.

The show, sponsored by the Naval Station Environmental Department, comes to GTMO four times a year, and with it, a host with a special connection to the station.

Dr. Peter Tolson's love of GTMO is rooted in his experience stationed here as a young Marine. He is now director of conservation and research at

the Toledo Zoo, Toledo, Ohio.

"I became a young man here," he said. "I spent two years here and it was one of the happiest times of my life. I received great mentoring from NCOs and officers and never had anything but encouragement along the way. Thirty years later, I am here in the place I grew to love as a young man. It doesn't get any better than that."

Tolson has been visiting GTMO in his current capacity since 2001, educating children, their parents, and other base residents, about the island's

unique environment, and the wildlife that calls this station home.

The uniqueness of GTMO is reflected by its surrounding wildlife and various endangered species, like the Cuban Boa, Cuban Iguana and sea turtles.

"Cuba is an island, so you have isolation when it comes to species," said Tolson. "The species here are 'endemic,' which means they occur here and no where else. Cuba's Sierra Crystal mountain range acts as a natural barrier, so we have unique kinds of animals that have developed from a very dry atmosphere."

Tolson's enthusiasm and passion for wildlife was mirrored by the children's excited squeals as he brought out each reptile and amphibian to show to each section of the crowd.

Murmurs fell in ripples from adults and children alike, as Tolson and his assistants brought out a tarantula, lizards, frogs, and a Cuban iguana. The finale, a 10-foot Cuban boa, had been captured two days earlier.

Tolson says feeding the animals only makes some of them

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Photo by JO2 Honey Nixon

Zach Driskell, a first-grader at W. T. Sampson Elementary School, gets up close and personal with a Cuban Iguana at the Reptile Show held Saturday at Windmill Beach.

Navy begins crack down on cell phone usage

By JOSA Charles Ordoqui, Fleet Public Affairs Center Atlantic

The Navy will begin to issue warnings to all motorists who are pulled over for using non-hands-free cell phones while driving on Navy installations starting March 1.

This restriction follows a Department of Defense regulation banning the use of non-hands free cell phones on military installations unless the vehicle is safely parked.

The Defense Department developed the regulation based on a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which found cell phone use to be the fastest growing and most visible cause of automobile accidents caused by distracted driving.

"The restriction will be implemented in three phases," said Capt. Shawn Morrissey, director of Navy regional public safety operations for Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic.

The phases include the Education and Awareness phase, which began Feb. 1 by informing the fleet of the new regulation. "The Enforcement phase will start March 1," said Morrissey.

"Base police will begin to give warnings to those caught using cell phones while driving."

Armed forces traffic tickets will be given to those pulled over for using their cell phone during the Active Enforcement phase, which will become active at a later date.

A maximum of three points could be added to a motorist's driving record if cited for using a cell phone while driving.

"If you accumulate 12 points over the course of one year, your base driving privileges will be revoked," said Morrissey.

Service members who are caught will not only have these points added, but they could face penalties for failure to obey an order or regulation under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The restriction not only applies to service members who drive on Navy installa-

tions, but also to their families, civilian employees and visitors to the base, as well.

This regulation will be enforced inside the fence line of the base, and in the vicinity of the Navy Exchange and any other areas that are patrolled by Navy law enforcement.

"Anything that can keep a driver from being distracted can prevent accidents and save lives, and the safety of our Sailors is important," said Morrissey.

Base personnel with questions about the new procedures are encouraged to use their chain of command.

GTMO implements new cell phone law

By JO3 Courtney A. Dock, Navy Media Center

Naval Station officials are revising GTMO's Motor Vehicle Code under mandate from the Department of Defense. One of the major changes prohibits using hand-held cell phones while driving.

This new requirement is in section 431 of the Motor Vehicle Code for Guantanamo Bay.

LCDR Matt Beran, Naval Station's Staff Judge Advocate, says drivers caught violating the new regulation can expect to appear before the Base Traffic Board.

If a driver is found negligent, they will be penalized three points on their driving record, which could cause a residents driving privileges to be revoked if a driver accumulates 12 points on a driving record in a 12-month time pe-



riod.

Beran says the new regulation does allow cell phone use in a vehicle, but drivers need to follow some guidelines.

"If you're driving and you want to place or answer a call while you're driving a vehicle, you've got to pull off the road and get out of the flow of traffic, come to a complete stop, turn on your hazard lights, and then you can use your hand-held phone," he said.

Motorists are authorized to use a hands-free cell phone device while driving, as long as the driver uses only one ear piece, Beran said.

The new regulation also allows the use of hand-held tactical radios to be used by tactical vehicle operators. Security and fire department personnel are also authorized to use hand-held cell phone devices while driving in emergency situations only, said Beran.

Base officials expect this regulation to cut down the number of motor vehicle accidents every month.

"Unfortunately we have a large number of motor vehicle accidents. We have approximately one accident a week. A lot of it we can attribute to inattentive driving or distractions while driving," he said.

VADM Conway takes over Navy installations ...

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— Naval Facility Cape Hatteras (SOUSS), where he qualified as one of the first Oceanographic Research Watch Officers;

— Officer Candidate School, Newport, R.I., as a tactics instructor and educational curriculum/programs officer;

— Deputy Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force Pacific, as the senior test director for the Tomahawk

Cruise Missile Project;

— Head, Surface Commander Assignment Branch, Bureau of Naval Personnel (PERS 410) and Deputy to Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Distribution (PERS 4);

— Chief, Simulations and Analysis Management Division, J-8 directorate, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D.C.;

— Director, Surface Officer Distribution, Bureau of Naval

Personnel (PERS 41).

— From September 2000 until March 2003, he was the unofficial "Mayor of Hawaii" while serving as Commander, Navy Region Hawaii.

Personal decorations include Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (five awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), and various service medals and unit awards.



Photo by CDR Jeff Johnston

Halfway through — *W. T. Sampson Elementary students and teachers celebrate completing 100 days of the current school year by posing for a photo outside on the school grounds. The 100th day of school traditionally marks the ending of the first half of the school year. Many student completed projects signifying the 100th day. Some collected 100 buttons, some put together a potpourri of 100 items, others displayed 100 coins, and some just counted to 100. Students and teachers can now look forward to the end of school.*

SECNAV outlines Navy objectives for 2006

The Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Chief of Naval Operations, and I have identified the following key objectives for this year.

The 2006 objectives focus on the following five key areas:

- Execute the Department of Navy strategy to optimize the workforce with emphasis on attracting and retaining the proper mix of high quality people and maximizing the synergy of the people in the Navy-Marine Corps team. ASN (M&RA) has lead.

- Use the Navy-Marine Corps team to aggressively prosecute the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). CMC and CNO have lead.

- Build the Navy-Marine Corps force for tomorrow. CMC, CNO, UNSECNAV and ASN(RD&A) have lead.

- Emphasize safety. Manage risk to improve mission ef-



Secretary of the Navy,
Donald Winter

fectiveness and to safeguard the people and resources of the Navy - Marine Corps team. ASN (I&E) has

lead.

- Reinforce ethics as a foundation of conduct within the Department of the Navy. General Counsel has lead.

Success in these efforts will improve the lives of sailors and

Marines, increase the effectiveness of the entire department, and result in greater security for our nation. These objectives are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all that needs to be done in the department. The list does, however, reflect our consensus on areas we personally intend to track to achieve the de-

sired effects this year. Ref A is the full description of these objectives and is located on webpage: www.navy.mil/palib/people/secnav/2006_DON-objectives.pdf.

Initial reports from lead organizations are due on 1 April and should include the schedules, milestones and metrics to ensure accomplishment in 2006. Monthly reports from each lead organization will document continued progress.

Significant gains were achieved in accomplishing 2005 objectives.

My thanks and congratulations are sent to department of the navy leaders who demonstrated commitment and progress in these efforts.

Your continued emphasis on the success of these objectives for 2006 is necessary. They are key goals and should be linked to performance management of leaders throughout the department.

Pirates helping Pirates



Run for the Green and Gold, 'Pirates Helping Pirates,' March 18, 7 a.m., at the base gym. T-shirts will be awarded to the first 50 adult runners.

Donations will be accepted, \$5 for 5K and \$2 for 2K. Sponsored by W.T. Sampson High School Boosters for Hurricane Relief.

FMI contact Melissa Belleman at 5815, Neata Wiley at 3188 or 4813, or call the school office at 3500.

Seabees ring in 64 years of service at the Windjammer Club ...

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for silent auction, and colorful Tonka trucks doubled as centerpieces and door prizes for guests.

Even with all the time and effort put in to the Seabee ball each year, CDR Jeffrey Johnston, GTMO Public Works Officer, reminded everyone, "The quality of the Seabee ball is not in the head count. It's not in the menu, or the door prizes. It's the quality of the community that comes together to celebrate the Seabee birthday."

According to Rear Admiral Robert L. Phillips, Commander, First Naval Construction Division, and Naval Construction Forces Command, Norfolk, Va., and guest speaker for the event, this quality is embedded in the fabric of the Seabees day to day missions around the world.

"You cannot put a price on a child in Haiti who has the opportunity to be in a clean school and has education for the first time, or go to Kenya and see

folks that are drinking clean water, or a Marine who has been eating out in the mud for the last three weeks, and one of our talented builders takes some scrap lumber and makes a table for him so he doesn't have to eat in the mud anymore," said Phillips.

"I think the beauty here is the Seabees believe in what they're doing, they believe in their mission and I think they are determined to see it through," he added.

Phillips said this dedication was particularly evident in the Seabees stationed in Gulfport, immediately after Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast this past August.

"Young men and women showed up at the gate after Katrina with nothing but the shirt on their backs because they lost everything," said Phillips. "They were outside the gate asking if they could find a uniform, so they can go back to



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

Seabee tradition — UT2(SCW) Rachel Thompson and her 2-year-old daughter, Rosa, enjoy the pomp and circumstance of the Seabee ball.

work and help folks in town. I have traveled the world today, the real heroes in my mind are the Navy Seabees."

LCDR William Pierce, Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, agrees there's something special about being a Seabee, and grinned broadly when asked about the essence of being a Seabee and what the Seabee ball means.

"It's the best job in the world," said Pierce. "I've done exercises all throughout the Caribbean and Central and South America, building schools and clinics. You design

a school, then you complete it, and then you see the kids actually use it. You're doing something for the common good of mankind. There is gratification in knowing you're helping someone out. We're not out there destroying, we're building.

"This is a celebration of the history of the Seabees, as well as the present. So we recognize we've done in the past and our forefathers as well. We're the construction force of choice for construction jobs all over the world. We build, we fight, with compassion for others."



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

Youngest Seabee — RADM Robert Phillips, Commander, First Naval Construction Division, and Naval Construction Forces Command, presents UTCN Meredith Andrews, NMCB-7, with a plaque commemorating her as the youngest Seabee present at the Seabee ball.

Environmental reminder



Conch season is closed March, April and May. Please report all violations to 4105 or VHS channel 12.



Photo by JO2 Honey Nixon

Dr. Peter Tolson, director of conservation and research at the Toledo Zoo, shows the audience a Cuban boa. Tolson is gathering biological data on these snakes, and uses implanted radio transmitters to track movement patterns and habitats. Since the start of his project in 2001, 17 snakes have been tracked and more than 500 observations have been recorded.



Photo by JO2 Honey Nixon

Another familiar creature in and around almost every structure on station is the very common Gecko, which eat a wide variety of insects, spiders and other small lizards.

Reptiles show scales and tails ...

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more aggressive. Residents should also avoid careless driving around wildlife, particularly around iguanas and snakes.

Although he interacted with the crowd with a light and cheery attitude, he still reminded everyone they needed to respect the animals and their natural habitats. Tolson also feels early education is the key to preserving and building respect for GTMO's creatures.

"I think its good to get to them (children) early, so they realize the animals are not something to be afraid of, they're something to be treasured and respected," said Tolson. "A lot of times, if a child makes that connection, they'll carry it with them and conserve that ethic as they grow up.

"I hope the audience leaves with a greater appreciation, or even love, for some of these animals that are sharing the island with them."

Many parents realize the value of exposing their children to GTMO's wildlife, not only for enjoyment, but for their education as well.

"It's good to educate them," said Raquel Saspe, mother of a 2-year-old. "They learn what animals here are dangerous and what animals are not, what they can get close to and what they can't. Especially here, you never know what they might see in the backyard."

Beneath Tolson's enthusiastic grins lie core beliefs about conservation that are very serious, and he hopes others will understand the importance of conservation.

"I think these animals on GTMO, as well as other places, are part of God's creation," said Tolson. "When we destroy part of that weave, or when we abuse these animals, or God forbid, make them become extinct, we destroy part of that fabric, and we diminish part of ourselves in the process."



Photo by JO2 Honey Nixon

Dr. Tolson shows off a Shield-Headed Toad. This amphibian secretes a mild toxin, which can make predators, such as cats and dogs, sick if they eat it.

Worship Services

Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)
Tuesday-Friday, noon
Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel)
Confession, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass, 9 a.m. (Cobre Chapel)
Eucharistic Adoration, daily 24 hrs.

Protestant Services

Sunday
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Services at Main Chapel, 11 a.m.
Children's Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.
Gospel Worship Service, 1 p.m.
Monday
Prayer Group, 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday
Men's Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
Gospel Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
(Sanctuary A)
Thursday
PWOC - 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Protestant Liturgical Service, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary B)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)
Sunday Sacrament, 9 a.m.
Monday, Family Home Evening, 7 p.m.

Filipino Christian Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)
Sunday Worship, 7 p.m.

Iglesia Ni Cristo (Sanctuary B)

Sunday Worship, 8 p.m.

Pentecostal Gospel Temple

(Sanctuary D)
Sunday Worship, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

Sabbath School Saturday - 9:30 a.m.
(Sanctuary B)
Saturday Divine Service, 11 a.m.

Islamic Service (Sanctuary C)

Friday Worship, 12:30 p.m.

United Jamaican Fellowship

(Bldg. 1036, next to Phoenix Cable)
Sunday Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service

Second Friday of the month, Rm. 11,
7:30p.m.

DoD honors Black History Month

By Rudi Williams, American Forces Press Service

AUSTIN, Texas — In its fourth year of “taking the Pentagon to the people,” the Defense Department held its official observance of National African American History Month here yesterday and today at the 130-year-old Huston-Tillotson University, one of more than 100 Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the country.

With the theme “Reaching Out to Youth: A Strategy for Excellence,” DoD held its observance with Huston-Tillotson University here in conjunction with HBCUs.

This year's national theme — “Celebrating Community: A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions” — recognizes the African American groups that have worked to confront injustices and expand opportunities, President Bush said in his National African American History Month proclamation.

Clarence A. Johnson, DoD's director of civilian equal employment opportunity, said federal agencies are required to give a certain amount of business, grants and research and development to HBCUs as part of legislation for small and disadvantage businesses. “DoD has contracts, grants and research and development-type efforts that HBCUs are awarded,” he noted. “DoD also has excellent employment opportunities for HBCUs.”

Johnson noted that DoD has more than 700,000 civilian workers. “We're convinced that students in college are not aware of the DoD opportunities in the civilian work force,” he said. “Research tells us one-quarter of our undergraduates in the nation think DoD is nothing but military service. They don't know that there are 700,000 workers out there supporting the men and women in uniform.



Photo by Rudi Williams

Clarence A. Johnson, the Defense Department's director of civilian equal employment opportunity, chats with Air Force Maj. Marvin Jordan, deputy director of military equal opportunity, during DoD's observance of African American History Month.

“So in addition to the business opportunities, DoD has excellent career opportunities, both on the military and civilian sides,” Johnson continued. “In this forum . . . we'll express those opportunities and make sure folks are aware of them. This is a special event, because it supports the executive order, which is a mutually beneficial thing to the schools and DoD.”

President Bush signed an executive order in 2002 aimed at giving HBCUs the same opportunities other colleges and universities have for government contracts, research and development, grants and other benefits.

“We've had this program for four years, and each year there is competition because HBCUs want DoD to come and show the HBCUs in their region what DoD is about and how they can work with DoD to enhance their infrastructure capacity.”

A year ago, Johnson said, Huston-Tillotson President Larry Earvin asked him to con-

sider the university for this year's observance. Earvin made sure all the Texas HBCUs were represented.

“HBCUs from other states have also joined, and this conference will have about 20 HBCUs,” Johnson said. “Getting 20 HBCUs presidents and their representatives in a room at the same time is a success.”

And the observance's youth outreach efforts aren't limited to college students, Johnson said. Middle and high school students were invited to attend an exposition at the university, he noted, because they have less of an idea about what it takes to become a scientist or an engineer.

“We believe it's beneficial to have middle and high school students to talk about careers and what DoD can do in their lifetime,” Johnson said. “It's important that we expose these young folks early to what careers are in front of them and tell them what kind of checkmarks they have to make to pursue a career.”

Play auditions



Auditions are being held for this year's Missoula Children's Theater performance, 'Hansel and Gretel', on Saturday, March 4, from 5 - 6 p.m., at W.T. Sampson Elementary.

Children should arrive not later than 3:45 p.m.

Downtown Lyceum

Friday, March 3

Hoodwinked

7 p.m., PG, 83 min.

Rumor Has It

9 p.m., PG-13, 97 min.

Saturday, March 4

Eight Below

7 p.m., PG, 112 min.

The Ringer

9 p.m., PG-13, 94 min.

Sunday, March 5

Munich

7 p.m., R, 194 min.

Monday, March 6

Final Destination 3

7 p.m., R, 92 min.

Tuesday, March 7

Rumor Has It

7 p.m., PG-13, 97 min.

Wednesday, March 8

Eight Below

7 p.m., PG, 112 min.

Thursday, March 9

The Ringer

7 p.m., PG-13, 94 min.



Eight Below

Action, Adventure, Drama

Cast: Paul Walker, Jason Biggs, Bruce Greenwood, Moon Bloodgood

Storyline: The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition: Jerry Shepard, his best friend, Cooper, and a rugged American geologist, who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica.



Rumor Has It

Comedy, Drama

Cast: Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner, Shirley MacLaine, Mark Ruffalo, Richard Jenkins

Storyline: Sarah Huttinger's life is in a tailspin. She's finally agreed to marry her boyfriend Jeff, but isn't at all sure that marriage is what she really wants—in fact, she's not sure what she wants in general. As conflicted as she is about her love life, her professional life isn't much better—an aspiring journalist, Sarah's career has stalled at the New York Times obituary column. But when she meets Internet millionaire Beau Burroughs, their encounter unexpectedly unlocks some well-kept secrets that may help Sarah uncover the truth about her family and finally discover who she truly is.

MWR Happenings

Windjammer Dinner Theater

Monday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. Bring the family to the Windjammer Club to enjoy dinner and then watch family oriented G or PG-rated movies. This Monday, "The Country Bears," begins at 5:30 p.m., and the second movie, "Life or Something Like it," begins at 8 p.m.

Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney

March 7, 6 p.m., at the Goat Locker. Sign-up by March 4. Second tourney to be held March 21, same time, same place, register by March 18. Prize funds based on percentage of entry fees. Registration and dinner 5:30-6 p.m. FMI call Mike at 5604 or email kaplanmh@usnbgtno.navy.mil.

MWR Clubs Dart League

Begins March 14, Open to all hands. Two-man teams are being formed now. Sign up by March 10 at the Goat Locker. Meeting for all teams will be on March 13 at 4 p.m. at the Goat Locker. A representative for each team must be attend. FMI email Mike at kaplanmh@usnbgtno.navy.mil.

Captain's Cup Bowling League

Begins March 20, 6:30 p.m. FMI call Nancy at 2118 or 7174.

Hoop It Up Basketball Competition

March 11, from noon to 3 p.m, at the Base gym. This event will celebrate the end of Captains' Cup Basketball leagues for men and women. Prizes will be awarded for 3-point, dunk, and knockout competition. FMI call 2193.

Racquetball Challenge Court

Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. at the base gym Racquet Court 2. Come and see if you can meet the challenge. FMI call Audrey at 2193.

Free Racquetball Lessons

Saturdays, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Base Racquet Ball Court 3. Beginners to advanced are welcome. FMI call Will at 84155 or 7756.

New Fitness Classes

Jazzercise classes are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8 - 9 a.m. Step aerobics classes are Thursdays, 5 - 6 p.m. FMI call 2193.

GTMO Shopper

For Sale

(2) Light green carpet, 12-ft. X 12-ft., \$40; mauve carpet 12-ft. X 18-ft., \$100; weight bench with weights, \$40; Nintendo 64 with games and controllers, \$75. FMI call Jeanette at 7366.

(2) Casio Exilim Pro 6 megapixel digital camera with case, 4X optical zoom, \$225. FMI call Sam at 9522 DWH or 4709 AWH.

(2) Patio table with bench seats, \$60; dive gear package with two tanks, computer, octopus, computer, BC, \$550; Blackwater kayak, \$450; golf clubs with bag, \$75; lawn mower with bagger, \$75. FMI call Marie 7106 AWH.

(2) Compaq P4 laptop with 2M processor, DVD player, 256 RAM, very fast, \$575. FMI call Carl at 7024.

(2) Fold-and-go musical baby swing, \$25; Boppy pillow, \$5; kick-and-play activity center, \$5; baby backpack and stroller

combo, \$20; assorted small toys. FMI call Sara at 2507.

(1) Men's 26-in. City Cruiser bike, single spd. w/ coaster brake, \$50 OBO. FMI call Steve at 3021, 8028 or email at rmailteach-06@yahoo.com.

(1) 3 tanks, BC regulator w/ computer,

fins, bags, 2 lobster rigs, dive light, compass, weight belt w/ weights, Mares and Woody speargun, \$600; fishing tackle, potted palm and tropical plants, \$10 and up; washer and dryer \$75; 6-ft. satellite dish, \$500. FMI call 2728.

(1) DVD/VHS stand, \$25; lap desk, \$20; queen bed frame w/ dresser, \$300; new scrapbooking supplies. FMI call 7196 DWH.

(1) White/black metal futon, like new, metal frame w/ black pillow and mattress cover, \$100 OBO. FMI call 4840 or 84264.

(1) PVC lattice porch enclosure, 12X12, \$80 OBO; weight bench w/ various weights, \$40; 12X12 light green carpet, \$40; free patio cone blocks. FMI call 7366.

(1) Sofa bed, \$250 OBO; Sirius Satellite receiver w/ boom box and car adapter, in excellent condition, \$200. FMI call 7024.

Vehicles/Boats

(2) 2001 Chevy Cavalier Coupe Z24, CD player, sunroof, 5-speed transmission, \$7,500. FMI call Joey at 9551 AWH.

(2) 1986 Mazda B200, runs excellent, \$1,200 OBO. FMI see Spc. Wallick in B003 or Sgt. Josefosky in B004 in

Camp A.

(2) 16-ft. boat, 100HP, like new, lots of extras, \$3,000 OBO. FMI call 7466.

(1) 1986 Porsche 944, 2.5 L. red on black, 52,000 mi., loaded, all records, \$10,000 OBO. FMI call Alex at 7992 or 3632, leave msg.

(1) 2005 Honda VFR 800 Interceptor ABS, silver, \$8,700. FMI call Alex at 7992 or 3632.

(1) 35-ft. commercial boat w/ 400HP diesel, dry-docked past Post Office, \$50,000. FMI call Herman at 4472 DWH or 7366 AWH.

(1) 1994 Plymouth Laser, A/C CD player, good condition, \$1,800 OBO. FMI call 7389.

(1) 21-ft. Wellcraft WAC w/ new 2005 200 HP Yamaha Salt Water Series, like new, safety and fishing equipment included, \$25,000. FMI call 4493 DWH or 5338 AWH.

(1) 1986 Ford F-150XL, excellent condition, \$2,500 OBO. FMI call 9556 DWH or 7116 AWH.

(1) 24-ft. pontoon boat w/ new 90 HP Saltwater Mercury motor, all fishing gear included, \$5,000 OBO. FMI call 9556 DWH or 7116 AWH.

(1) 1996 Honda Civic, green, 4-door w/ A/C. \$6,500 OBO. FMI call 9520 or email ma3luisguzman@hotmail.com.

(1) 1986 Ford 1993 Acura Integra, brand new radiator and thermostat, runs great, \$4,000 OBO. FMI call 9524 or email coastwarrior18@yahoo.com.

(1) 1995 Ford Windstar GL, \$3,000; 1997 Geo Metro, \$2,800; FMI call Jeanette at 7366.

(1) 1983 Chevy S10 pick-up, reliable, \$1,000 OBO. FMI call Herman at 7366.

(1) 2002 Acura RSX, silver, excellent condition. FMI call 4814 DWH or 7360 AWH.

(1) 14-ft. project boat w/ 15 HP motor, \$500; FMI call 2728.

(1) 1990 Volvo station wagon, \$1,800; FMI call 2728.

Employment

(1) Human Resources Office announces the following vacancies: Material Handler, closes March 7; Budget Technician, closes March 8; Office Automation Asst., closes March 13; Social Services Aide, closes March 15; Telecommunications Mechanic, closes March 17; Social Services Aide, closes Dec. 29. FMI call Delaine at 4822 or 4441.

(2) Integrated Resource Technologies, Inc. has an immediate local opening for an Admin. Ops. Specialist with TS/SCI clearance. FMI contact Gina Williams-Davis at 703-931-3330 or by email at gwdavis@irti.com.

(2) Manager needed for Treasures and Trivia thrift shop. Part-time, flexible hours. FMI call Marianne at 7799.

(1) The NEX has the following vacancies: Laundry worker, four full-time positions, closes March 10; Presser, one full-time position, closes March 10.

(1) ISD-IT Contractor serving NAVSTA is hiring experienced professionals. Learn more about these exciting opportunities by checking the job postings on our website at <http://jobs.saic.com/ajobbext3.nsf/International>, then click on Cuba.

Announcements

(2) The Quilting Group will meet March 14 and 29, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the High School library. FMI call Gigi at 7365.

(1) OCSC will have a general membership meeting at the Sailing Center, March 7, at 6:30 p.m., sampling international cuisine. Bring your favorite quick and easy international recipe w/ recipe cards to share!

(1) The automated CLEP is finally here. Columbia College is offering CLEP to all members of the GTMO community. There are 39 tests to choose from including three foreign languages (Spanish, French, and German). CLEP is free to all active duty military. FMI or to schedule call 5555.

(1) DRMO will be on the island March 6 - 14 for issue and receipt only. FMI contact John Bingham or email at John.Bingham@DLA.MIL.

(1) DRMO will be on island Apr. 11-25 for issue and receipt. There will be a general sale on Apr. 12, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be a vehicle sale on Apr. 13, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. FMI contact John Bingham or email at John.Bingham@DLA.MIL.

Wanted

(2) Glass fish tank, 30-75 gal. Call Jose at 5622 or email DeepceeV@aol.com.

(1) Will pay cash for fishing/pontoon boat. FMI at 7977 or 2129.

Lost & Found

Lost set of keys/remote for Chevy Cavalier at Windmill beach. Call Valerie at 3069 DWH or 7989 AWH.

Yard Sales

March 4 — Nob Hill. #23B, 6 a.m. - noon.

March 4 — Caribbean Circle, #31A, 6:30 - 11 a.m.

March 4 — Evans Point, #390, 8 a.m. - noon.

March 5 — Nob Hill. #23B, 6 a.m. - noon.

Check Out Our New Fitness Classes!

Both Classes Held at New
Marine Hill Fitness Center
Starting February 13th

Jazzercise

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

0830-0930

Step Aerobics

Thursday

1700-1800



FMI 2193



Command quarters

— *Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Sailors stand in formation preceeding command quarters, held Feb. 24. A list of all awardees is below.*

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Terry Matlock



EO1 Arthur Sanchez receives a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (NAM) from CAPT Mark Leary.



CAPT Mark Leary also presents a NAM to MA1(AW) Anthony Thirumalai.

Naval Station awardees

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

MA1 Gregory A. Fischer (Third Award)
MA1(AW) Anthony M. Thirumalai (Second Award)
EO1 Arthur Sanchez (Second Award)
GM1 Donald G. Lentz (Second Award)
GM2(SW) Joshua E. Tolleson (Second Award)
SK2(AW/SW) Robert E. Proulx (Third Award)
BM2(SW) Leslie Allen Hudson (Second Award)
MA2(AW/SW) Shance L. McGuffey (Second Award)
MA2 Richardo L. Villarreal
MA2 James R. Isabella
MA2 Sharon A. Deknikker
MA3 Narayan B. Doherty

Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

HT1(SW) Jeffrey D. Mays

Letter Of Commendation

QM2 Alfred C. Davis
MASA Kenneth E. Aungst

Outstanding Physical Readiness Achievement

MA2 Tishiro Gibson
MASN Joseph J. Cassone